

**CITY OF LONG BEACH DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND MARINE  
LONG BEACH SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMISSION**

**MINUTES**

El Dorado Senior Center  
2800 Studebaker Road  
Long Beach, CA 90815

May 12, 2005  
9:00 a.m.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Higginson, Chair, called the meeting of the Senior Citizens Advisory Commission to order at 9:00 a.m. at the El Dorado Park Senior Center.

**II. FLAG SALUTE** – Commissioner Yolken, Vice-chair, led the flag salute of the Senior Citizens Advisory Commission

**III. ROLL CALL / WELCOME OF GUESTS**

The following Commissioners responded to roll call and confirmed a quorum.

Patricia Bergendahl, 6 <sup>th</sup> District - Excused	Rabbi Sidney Guthman, 3 <sup>rd</sup> District
Barbara J. Bolin, 9 <sup>th</sup> District	Mary Hernandez, 7 <sup>th</sup> District
Henry Brunner, 7 <sup>th</sup> District	Nancy Higginson, 3 <sup>rd</sup> District
Rose Cabanban, 7 <sup>th</sup> District	Vivian Linderman, 8 <sup>th</sup> District
Florence Dodge, 3 <sup>rd</sup> District	Teresa Munoz, 2 <sup>nd</sup> District
Rita Ellner, 2 <sup>nd</sup> District	Lu Wall, 3 <sup>rd</sup> District
Teodoro Felix, 1 <sup>st</sup> District	Berry Yolken, 3 <sup>rd</sup> District

**Staff**

Belem Solis, Superintendent  
Del Ransom, Clerk II

**Guests**

Shelley Hellen, Supervisor  
Jose Olmos, Supervisor  
Terri Eggers, Supervisor  
Sonny Seng, Supervisor  
Gladys Kaiser, Supervisor  
La Chonda Lard, Recreation Assistant

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MAY 12, 2005**

The May 12, 2005 Senior Citizen Advisory Commission Minutes were approved as read.

**V. GUEST SPEAKER (S)**

Phil T. Hester, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine

Mr. Hester stated that a satellite company was interested in placing a cell tower on top of the Senior Center and that could be a possible source of income to finance the parking lot on 4<sup>th</sup> and Cerritos. Mr. Hester informed the Commission that council has changed the age requirement for the Senior Citizen Advisory Commission. The age requirement will now read seniors must be at least 50 yrs of age.

## **VI. PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

The Senior Citizen Advisory Commission had no Public Discussions for the Month of April.

## **VII. CORRESPONDENCE**

- A. The Commission received correspondence from the Long Beach Transit Company regarding the increase in fares as of July 1, 2005.

## **VII. STANDING COMMITTEES**

- A. Legislation – Commissioner Munoz

Commissioner Munoz reported on the landmark lawsuit against company “Ensign.” She reported that 13 of their 26 facilities were sited for violations. Commissioner Munoz also reported on the National Health Law Program. This program sets funding amounts for health. (Attachments)

- B. Transportation – Commissioners Bolin and Linderman

Commissioner Linderman announced that First District, Councilmember Bonnie Lowenthal has joined the Metropolitan Transit Association.

Commissioner Bolin distributed pamphlets on the Museum Express. This pamphlet explained how Long Beach Transit will once again offer express service to the finest museums and gardens in Los Angeles, Orange and Ventura counties for \$ 5.00 round trip.

- C. Health Care – Commissioner Yolken

Commissioner Yolken informed the Commission that he has met with Teresa Marino of the Long Beach Health Department and Theresa Brunella of Red Cross to discuss the possibility of starting the Mobile Health Van services in two months. Commissioner Yolken also informed the Commission that he has prepared a letter for Mayor, Beverly O'Neill regarding the Senior Strategic Plan.

- D. Housing – Commissioners Felix, Wall and Cabanban

Commissioner Felix read his report on Housing Trust Fund (HTF). In his report, he spoke of how Long Beach Section 8 recipients are being priced out to pay \$500.00 to \$ 600.00 to stay in someone's garage. Section 8 voucher Holders held a rally in front of City Hall urging members of City Council to adopt and make the HTF a study measure or pass it unanimously. (Attachment)

E. Safety and Crime Prevention – Commissioners Bergendahl, Guthman and Brunner

Commissioner Brunner distributed pamphlets and flyers on the West Division community Leadership Forum and community news. (Attachments)

F. Quality of Life and Leisure – Commissioners Dodge and Hernandez

Commissioner Dodge distributed information on Senior Safety Tips.

G. Community Relations – Commissioner Ellner

The Community Relations Committee had nothing to report.

## **VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. Senior Resource Directory

Clerk Typist III, Del Ransom reported that he is in the process of making final revisions of the Senior Resource Directory.

B. Senior Parking Lot Update

Mr. Hester updated the commission on the parking lot for the Long Beach Senior Center's overflow of parking. (See – **V. Guest Speaker**)

## **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Updated Commission Roster

The Commission received updated rosters of the Senior Citizen Advisory Commission members.

## **X. STAFF REPORTS**

Shelley Hellen, Supervisor, reported on senior activities and programs at the Long Beach Senior Center. (Attachments)

Jose Olmos, Supervisor, reported on senior activities and programs at the California Recreation Senior Center.

Terri Eggers, Supervisor, reported on senior activities and programs at the El Dorado Senior Center. (Attachments)

Sonny Seng, Supervisor, reported on senior activities and programs at the Houghton Senior Center. (Attachments)

Gladys Kaiser, Supervisor, reported on senior activities and programs at the Chavez Senior Center. (Attachments)

La Chonda Lard, Recreation Assistant, reported on senior activities and programs at the Silverado Senior Center. (Attachments)

#### **XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements for the Senior Citizen Advisory Commission in the Month of April.

#### **XII. NEXT MEETING**

The Executive Board meeting of the Senior Citizen Advisory Commission will be held on Thursday, May 26, 2005 at 9:00 a.m., at the Long Beach Senior Center. In attendance will be Commissioners Nancy Higginson, Berry Yolken, Lu Wall, and Rose Cabanban.

The General Commission meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 12, 2005, at the Long Beach Senior Center, 1150 E. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Long Beach, CA 90802.

#### **XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Higginson adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

Del Ransom, Clerk II  
to Recreation Superintendent

c: Belem Solis, Recreation Superintendent of Parks Recreation and Marine